



THE SENATE OF BERMUDA

(SESSION OF 2023 – 2024)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Sitting No. 17 – Wednesday, 24th July 2024

SENATE CONVENES (10:00am)

1. PRAYERS

- 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** – Minutes of 3rd July 2024 to be confirmed
Minutes of 17th July 2024 to be confirmed

3. MESSAGES

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Human Rights Commission 2023 Annual Report” – Senator L.K. Simmons, Junior Minister of Youth, Social Development and Seniors

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

“Contributory Pensions (Amendment of Benefits) Order 2024” – Senator A.J.L. Hodgson, Junior Minister of Finance

7. PETITIONS

8. STATEMENTS

“Building a Better Bermuda by Promoting Cultural Heritage, Tourism Development and Sporting Excellence” – Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

“Building a Secure and Safe Community Together” – Senator Rev. Dr. E.G.A. Dill, Junior Minister of National Security

“Keeping Our Promises to Bermuda’s Seniors” – Senator A.J.L. Hodgson, Junior Minister of Finance

9. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

10. FIRST READING - PUBLIC BILLS

“Development and Planning Amendment Act 2024”**

“Corporate Income Tax Agency Act 2024”**

“Bermuda Hospitals Board Amendment Act 2024”**

11. FIRST READING - PRIVATE BILLS

12. QUESTIONS/QUESTION PERIOD

Senator L.K. Simmons to provide Oral response to a Parliamentary Question from Senator R.S. Tucker.

*Q1. Would the Junior Minister please provide the Senate with a breakdown of expenses incurred by the Center Against Abuse to explain the \$400,000 Government grant funding the Center received during the 2022-2023 financial year, when the amount originally budgeted was \$150,000?

Senator Rev. Dr. E.G.A. Dill to provide Oral responses to Parliamentary Questions from Senator R.S. Tucker.

*Q1. During the Speech from the Throne in November 2020, it was announced that the Office of the Public Guardian would be established to provide independent services and support for seniors, children and other vulnerable persons. Would the Junior Minister please provide the Senate with an update on the creation of this office?

*Q2. Would the Junior Minister please provide the Senate with a breakdown of the total amount of funds paid to any Government Member of the Legislature for work performed to establish the Office of the Public Guardian for each calendar year from November 2020 to June 2024?

Senator L.K. Simmons to provide Oral responses to Parliamentary Questions from Senator D.V. Robinson.

*Q1. Would the Junior Minister please inform the Senate as to the total number of children who have used or currently utilize Family Preservation, Residential Treatment Services, and Counseling services of the Department of Child and Family Services over the last five years ending on 30th June 2024?

*Q2. Would the Junior Minister please inform the Senate as to the status of Intake Services in the Department of Child & Family Services?

*Q3. Would the Junior Minister please inform the Senate of the average number of cases currently assigned to social workers?

Senator A.J.L Hodgson to provide Oral responses to Parliamentary Questions from Senator Dr. D.S.J. DeCouto.

*Q1. In November 2022, the Premier and Minister of Finance announced that a review of the Financial Policy Council would be completed, and a full report finalized by April 2023. Would the Junior Minister please inform the Senate as to the conclusions printed in the report?

*Q2. Would the Junior Minister please inform the Senate on all meeting dates for both the Financial Policy Council and the Financial Stability Committee over the past 24 months?

*Q3. Would the Junior Minister please inform the Senate of the key recommendations of the Financial Policy Council and the Financial Stability Committee over the past 24 months?

13. ORDERS OF THE DAY

[**Items that may be considered under the Provisions of S.O. 25 or Suspension of S.O. 71(2)]

(1) Second Reading: The “West End Development Corporation Amendment Act 2024”
[Senator L.L. Robinson | Junior Minister for Public Works]

(2) Second Reading: The “Development and Planning Amendment Act 2024”
[Senator the Hon. O.K. Darrell | Spokesperson for the Cabinet Office]

(3) Second Reading: The “Corporate Income Tax Agency Act 2024”
[Senator A.J.L. Hodgson | Junior Minister of Finance]

(4) Second Reading: The “Bermuda Hospitals Board Amendment Act 2024”
[Senator A.J.L. Hodgson | Junior Minister of Health]

14. MOTIONS

15. CONGRATULATORY &/OR OBITUARY SPEECHES

16. ADJOURNMENT